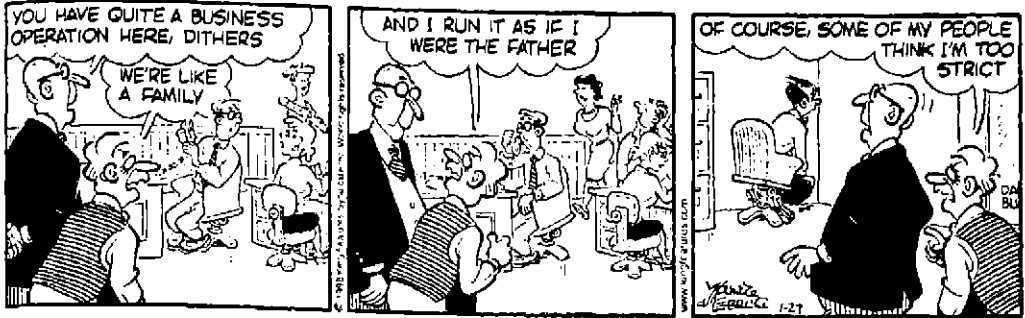


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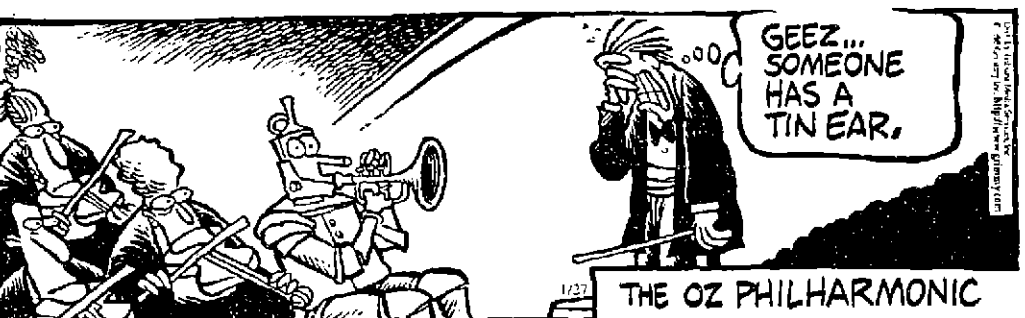
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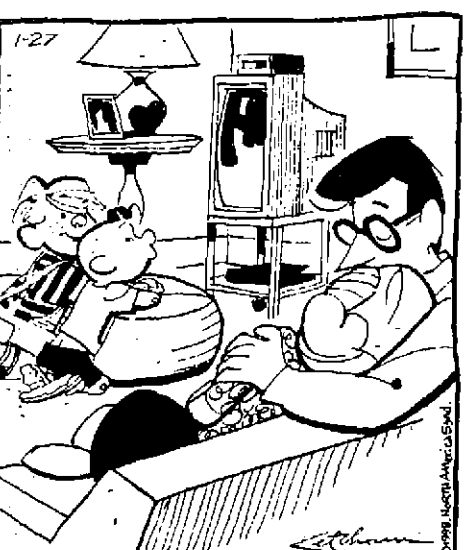
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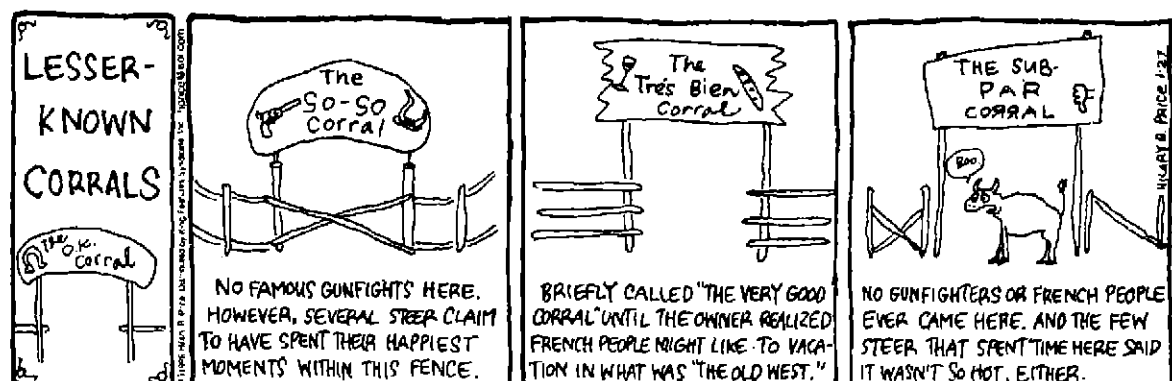
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FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Musical conductor Skitch Henderson is 80. Actor Troy Donahue is 62. Rock musician Nick Mason (Pink Floyd) is 53. Ballet star Mikhail Baryshnikov is 50. Country singer-musician Richard Young is 43. Actress Bridget Fonda is 34. Country singer Tracy Lawrence is 30. Rock singer Mike Patton (Faith No More) is 30. Rock musician Mark Troganowski (Sister Hazel) is 28. Blues musician Jonny Lang is 17.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

Scrabble word search grid and instructions. Includes a 10x10 grid of letters and a list of words found in the grid.

HOROSCOPE

For Wednesday, Jan. 28, 1998. ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Pay no heed to another's negativity. You're on the right track regarding your career interests. TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You could be overly cautious, but luck is with you regarding investments and career. Go ahead on a planned domestic project. GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Once you overcome self-doubt, you're on your way to career gains. Take the initiative. CANCER (June 21 to July 22) If you hurt a family member's feelings, make amends. A shopping trip leads to new possessions for the home. LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Although a friend seems unsympathetic about your financial situation, you'll find new ways to increase income and further ambitions. Be less suspicious of others' motives. VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You're concerned about hurting another's feelings, but this time it's all right to act in your own behalf. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You're right to concentrate on your career, but save a few moments for a loved one. Ingenuity leads to financial gain. You'll need tact with an admirer you don't fancy. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Questions of intimacy require sensitivity. An unexpected work assignment comes your way. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Trying to figure out what a romantic interest really means intrigues you, but don't let it interfere with job efficiency. Concentrate! CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) After all these years, testing a family member seems inappropriate. Give to others without attaching any strings. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) A friend plays cute and hard to get. Are you sure you want to be led on this way? PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Although behind-the-scenes work on your career is favored, clandestine involvements in your personal life are not.

WORD SLEUTH

Word Sleuth puzzle. Includes a grid of letters and a list of words to find. The words are: Molehills to mountains, Monday's unlisted clue: GANDHI, Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: A HILL OF SAND.

ACES ON BRIDGE

Aces on Bridge puzzle. Includes a bridge hand and a list of clues. The clues are: By Bobby Wolff, Today's declarer played as though he had a pussycat defending on his left. His plan might have worked against a sleepy player. Unfortunately, this West was wide-awake. After a wise duck by East, South took West's club jack with his king and cashed his king and queen of trumps. Following a plan to endplay East, South cashed the ace and king of hearts and ruffed a heart. His preparation complete, South led a low diamond toward dummy, intending to insert the eight. Unfortunately, West had other ideas. He put up his nine, and South's plan imploded. There was no endplay on East, and South had to lose two tricks in each minor for one down. Had West not played his diamond nine, East would have won his 10, but he would have been trapped. He had no lead that wouldn't lose a trick, and South would have had his 10th winner. What plan would have given South his game against any West? After drawing trumps and eliminating hearts, South should lead a club instead of a diamond and refuse to cover West's card. This leaves both defenders with no escape. If West leads another club, East wins his ace and has no safe exit. And if West shifts to diamonds instead, South wins dummy's ace and leads dummy's queen of clubs, putting East in the same no-win position. There's more than one way to skin a cat.

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 1216

N.Y. Times Crossword puzzle. Includes a grid of letters and a list of clues. The clues are: Across: 1 They welcome people at the door, 5 Gymnast Korbut, 9 Lariat, 14 Carrier to Jerusalem, 15 News "items", 16 Island (immigrants' spot), 17 Turkish title, 18 "Inventions of the Monsters" artist, 19 German currency, informally, 20 Mother of country music, 22 "Johnny!", 23 Takes care of, 24 River to the Fulda, 26 Alpine transport, 29 Not just, 33 Cousin of a stogie, 37 Colorless, 39 Arm bone, 40 Prefix with mechanics, 41 Tasmanian, 42 Bonkers, 43 Caroled, 44 "Got you", 45 Fernando's farewell, 46 Famous last words?, 48 Garage job, 50 Cheer (for), 52 Lawrence's land, 57 Eastern mystic, 60 Melville hero, 63 "The Rebel" essayist, 64 Romantic interlude, 65 Out of port, 66 Positive pole, 67 Singer Horne, 68 Cross-check, 69 Types wearing pocket protectors, 70 Extend credit, 71 Point on Columbus's compass, Down: 1 Stands for, 2 Lake life, 3 Western resort, 4 Shuts vehemently, 5 Handyman's assignment, 6 Molokai meal, 7 Like some charge cards, 8 "All kidding", 9 "Little" storybook character, 10 Cartoon character with a big gun, 11 Agricultural chemical, 12 Enervate, 13 Entreats, 21 "Tell the Marines!", 25 One-on-one, 27 Copies, 28 Get tangled up, 30 Jai, 31 Data, 32 Lab runners, 33 Ski resort legwear?, 34 Wife of Jacob, 35 Composer Thomas, 36 Onetime CBS anchor, 38 Stead, 41 Purcell's "and Aeneas", 45 Hawk's home: Var., 47 Boom and zoom, 49 "Ode to Billie Joe," e.g., 51 Govt. security, 53 Drop off, 54 Double-deckers, e.g., 55 That is, 56 "which will live in infamy": F.D.R., 57 Glance over, 58 Drop off, 59 Love overseas, 61 Concept for Claudette, 62 Newswoman Sherr.